

Resolution approving \$75,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Arts Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved Resolution 22-0259 to commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to City Committees; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Arts Board is committed to fostering a vibrant community by supporting diverse artistic activities and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, through the Annual Grant Program, the Arts Board provides funding and opportunities for artists and arts organizations, nurturing creativity and artistic expression while advocating for the arts and shaping a supportive environment within our community. The Arts Board aims to integrate and advance arts and culture as an essential and transformative part of life in La Crosse by bridging divides, promoting inclusivity, contributing to economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents and visitors. The Arts Board is committed to fostering inclusivity and diversity by ensuring equitable geographic distribution of public art throughout the city and providing a platform for a wide range of artists and art forms; and

WHEREAS, the updated policy makes the additional ARPA funds available as a grant to the developer(s) to ensure these funds will not need to be repayed to the U.S. Treasury after the expenditure date of 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that \$75,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding be distributed to the Arts Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Director of Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Facilities, and Arts Board are authorized to effectuate this resolution.